

## AMERICANS HELD CAPTIVE BY GERMANS

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### COMPLEX QUESTION IS THUS BROUGHT UP

It All Hinges on Whether an Armed Merchant Ship Is a War Vessel, a Point of Difference Between Germany and United States That Has Never Been Settled

New York, Jan. 20.—Three Americans were members of the crew of the British steamer Yarrowdale, which was captured by a German raider and taken to a German port by a prize crew, according to the records of the British consulate here.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—The German admiral's statement that neutral subjects in the crews of the vessels captured by the German raider in the south Atlantic had been removed as prisoners of war raises a complicated question if any Americans were among them.

The whole question turns on whether an armed merchant ship is a war vessel, and the gulf between this country and Germany on that question is still unbridged. Americans on such ships could be considered as prisoners of war only if the vessels were considered war vessels. The state department has held throughout that a vessel cannot be classed as a warship unless it is under naval orders and naval flag and manned by a naval crew.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 20.—The British authorities have issued a warning to shipping companies that the captured British steamer St. Theodore has been converted into a German commerce raider and is cruising along South Atlantic steamship routes. Secret instructions were given the steamship companies regarding the routes to follow.

Journal Pequeno of Pernambuco asserts that it has information that one of the raiders is accompanied by three small submarines, six miles long and of an entirely new type, which do scouting duty.

The British steamer Orestia, which it has been feared was a victim of the raider, is reported to have reached an unannounced port in safety.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Despatches to the state department late yesterday from Rio de Janeiro said it was stated there that the steamer St. Theodore, captured by the German raider in the South Atlantic, armed with two guns and manned by a German crew, was cruising as an auxiliary to the raider.

Nine Americans were among the crew of the British ship St. Theodore, taken by the German raider, and landed with other survivors at Pernambuco on the Japanese steamer Hudson Maru. Consul Stewart reported they were all safe and that so far as reported no other Americans were on the other ships.

The state department made public the following cablegram from the consul, dated Jan. 18 and received yesterday: "Hudson Maru brought 237 St. Theodore crew, list shows Americans Ben Stevens, Royal Gregory, Frank Magee, David Johnson, E. Judy, all colored, and Fred Smith, Harry Pilot, Guy Vonderdonk, Minich shows Charles Jones. No Americans on other vessels named. All nine safe here."

"Survivors state that Yarrowdale, George, Mt. Temple, Voltaire, Snowdon Range, King George, one English schooner and one Norwegian were sunk Dec. 12, when 460 were placed on Yarrowdale and not heard from since."

A dispatch from Mr. Stewart dated Dec. 16 and received here Dec. 17 says: "Crews of St. Theodore, Dramatis, Radneshire, Minich, Netherby Hall, Nantes and Asniers arrived to-day. Several Americans. Reported no lives lost."

The department also received a cable from Consul-General Gottschalk at Rio, containing substantially the same facts as the cable from the consul at Montpelier. The date of the capture of the St. Theodore as Jan. 7 and the sinking of the Minich as Jan. 9.

Was Not Sunk as Feared.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 20.—The Royal Mail liner Drina, which has been in the zone of the raider and reported in some quarters as sunk, came into the harbor to-day.

## RAIDER'S CAPTIVE TAKEN TO COURT

British Steamer Yarrowdale Had 469 Prisoners on Board, Having Been Brought in By Prize Crew.

Berlin, via Amsterdam to London, Jan. 20.—The British steamer Yarrowdale was brought into harbor on December 31 as a prize by a prize crew of 16 men, says an official statement issued last night. She carried 469 prisoners, the crews of steamers captured by a German auxiliary cruiser in the Atlantic ocean.

The prisoners on the Yarrowdale were from one Norwegian and seven British vessels. The cargoes of the captured vessels, the statement adds, consisted prin-

cipally of war materials for the entente allies and foodstuffs. Three of the vessels sunk were armed British merchantmen.

The bringing in of the Yarrowdale, the statement continues, had been kept secret for military reasons, but in view of the statement of the British admiral on January 17, it was decided to make the news public. The prize crew of the Yarrowdale was commanded by Deputy Officer Badewitz.

The official statement says: "The English steamer Yarrowdale of 4,600 tons, was brought into harbor on the 31st day of December as a prize by a prize crew of 16 men. She had aboard 469 prisoners, namely the crews of one Norwegian and seven English ships which were captured by one of our auxiliary cruisers in the Atlantic ocean."

"The cargoes of the captured vessels consisted principally of war materials for our enemies from America and foodstuffs, including 6,000 tons of wheat, 2,000 tons of flour and 1,900 horses. The Yarrowdale had on board 117 motor lorries, one motor car, 6,300 cases of rifle cartridges, 20,000 rolls of barbed wire and 3,000 tons of steel bars besides a large quantity of meat, bacon and sausages."

### RAIDER IN MEXICO GULF.

Insistent Rumors Tell of Presence of German Ship.

Mexico City, Jan. 20.—Insistent rumors come from Vera Cruz that a German commerce raider is now in the Gulf of Mexico. It is expected in Vera Cruz, the reports add, that the raider will make an effort to cut off the oil ships en route from the Tampico fields for England. There is no confirmation of the rumors here.

### MORE TALK ABOUT AN EXTRA SESSION

Unless President Wilson's Legislative Program is Carried Through President is Getting Worried.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Talk of an extra session of Congress to complete the president's legislative program unless action is had before March 4 is again heard at the capital to-day. With less than 36 legislative days of the session remaining, there is grave doubt on the part of many senators of favorable action, in view of opposition to much of the proposed legislation, including water power and other conservation bills, the railroad strike prevention bill and the Webb collective foreign selling agency bill.

The Senate steering committee will meet Monday in response to the president's appeal yesterday to frame a program for submission to the Senate Democratic caucus.

The president made another trip to the Senate office building and discussed the proposed legislative calendar with Secretary Kern, Williams, Thomas, Reed, James and Chamberlain more than two hours. He made it clear that he was anxious for action on all measures outlined at the beginning of the session, including railroad labor legislation as the paramount issue, water power and other conservation bills, a corrupt practice measure, the Webb collective foreign selling agency measure and the Porto Rico citizenship bill together with the big appropriation bills and necessary revenue legislation.

### FRIENDLY TO AMERICA.

France Is, Declares President Poincare in Interview.

Paris, Jan. 20.—President Poincare has received Edward Marshall, an American newspaper writer, at the palace of the Elysee and talked with him in regard to President Wilson's note and the reply of the allies. The crux of the interview appears in the words of the president:

"We are condemned to continue the war until we can obtain the reparations and guarantees rendered indispensable by the aggressions which we have been the victims, by the sacrifices to which we have subjected ourselves and by the losses which we have suffered."

"May I tell America that France is our friend, even though we are not fighting with her?" the American visitor asked.

"The United States of America and France are closely united by inalienable common recollections, by the same political traditions, by the same attachment to free institutions," said President Poincare. "This was which Germany unloosed upon Europe and which France did everything to avoid could not alter the good relations between the United States and France. It has even made them closer and strengthened them."

### ST. JOHNSBURY BEATEN

After Leading Montpelier Seminary in First Part of Game; Score, 32 to 24.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 20.—Montpelier seminary defeated St. Johnsbury academy on the basketball floor last evening by the score of 32 to 24. The home team ended the first half of the game in the lead, 12 to 10; but when the teams came back for the last half Montpelier held the locals down to three points while they themselves were doubling their score of the first half. Hatch and Grani were the high scorers for Montpelier seminary, each having six baskets, while Smith held the honors for St. Johnsbury. The line-up and summary:

M. S. St. J. A.  
Hatch, c. Smith, c.  
Grani, f. Lougee, f.  
Kelley, g. (Capt.) Elie, (Capt.)  
Johnson, g. H. Hawley, g.  
Goals from floor—Hatch 6, Grani 6, Kelley, Smith 5, Elie, Hawley 2. Fouls—Hatch 6, Elie 8. Time—Two 20-minute periods. Referee—Gammell.

### WAS MONTPELIER CURATE.

Rev. Thomas McCarthy Died Yesterday at Rochester, Minn.

Rutland, Jan. 20.—Rev. Thomas McCarthy, son of Mrs. Margaret McCarthy of this city, died yesterday at the Mayo Brothers' hospital, Rochester, Minn., where he had undergone two surgical operations.

Rev. Fr. McCarthy studied for the priesthood at Montreal college, and was ordained in December, 1915.

At the time of his death he was curate at Montpelier. He is survived by his mother, four sisters and two brothers. The body will be brought to Rutland.

## GERMANS TOOK NANESTI TOWN

On Sereth Line in Rumania, According to the Berlin Official Statement

### MINOR SUCCESSES ON WESTERN FRONT

A Berlin Wireless Message Also Tells of British Patrol Attacks Failing

Berlin, via wireless, Jan. 20.—The town of Nanesti in Rumania on the Sereth was taken yesterday by German troops, it is announced officially.

The repulse of British patrol attacks and the successful carrying out of reconnoitering operations by German troops on the Franco-Belgian front were reported in the statement on the operations in that area.

### MANY WERE KILLED IN DESTRUCTION OF SHELL PLANT

British Official Statement Says "It Is Feared" There Was Also Considerable Damage to Property.

London, Jan. 20.—The following official communication was issued last night: "The ministry of munitions regrets to announce that an explosion occurred this evening at a munitions factory in the neighborhood of London."

"It is feared that the explosion was attended by a considerable loss of life and damage to property."

### PERSHING'S TROOPS MAY BE RETURNING

Unofficial Reports Have It That Operations for Withdrawal of American Army are Already Under Way.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 20.—It was unofficially reported by army officers yesterday that actual withdrawal operations were under way at El Valle, the southern outpost of the punitive expedition in Mexico and at San Joaquin, between El Valle and the field headquarters at Colonia Dublan.

Predictions that the entire expedition will begin its march to Columbus, N. M., within the next 72 hours were made by army officers.

All goods billed to Americans in the Casas Grandes and Colonial Dublan district have been ordered held at Juarez and no further shipments of supplies will be made for the punitive expedition.

Arrangements were also made in Juarez for sending all available freight cars to Casas Grandes to bring out the stocks of goods and surplus supplies from the stores of the American troops and others, who have been supplying the American troops in Mexico.

## NEW YORK HAD MOST STUBBORN FIRE IN YEARS

Six-Story Factory Building Was Wrecked This Morning and Much Other Property Was Endangered.

New York, Jan. 20.—Fire, which was declared by officials the most difficult to handle in recent years early this morning, wrecked the six-story factory building of the Manhattan Brass company at East 28th street, with a loss of \$100,000. Bellevue hospital, the Cornell Medical college, a Catholic church, in which services were in progress, and scores of crowded tenements were endangered when wind-spread burning embers were thrown high in the air by a series of acid explosions. Three firemen were injured, and it was two hours before the flames were brought under control.

### DEATH OF CAPT. F. J. HAWLEY.

Had Long Been a Navigator on Lake Champlain.

Swanton, Jan. 20.—Captain Frank J. Hawley died yesterday after an illness of several months. He was born in 1845 and came to Swanton about 1874, when his father, J. B. Hawley, moved here to engage in the milling business from Brasher Falls, N. Y.

He is survived by one son, Robert Hawley of New York, and by one brother, Alvan Hawley, who resides in California. The eldest son of Captain Hawley, Dr. George Hawley, died last October. Mrs. Hawley died in 1910.

F. J. Hawley was a railroad contractor and later a lake captain had a wide acquaintance. Associated with the late O. M. Gallup of Gallup's Mills, he did construction work on this end of what is now the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain road. They built a road in the White mountains and also the Lamolite valley extension from Maquam to Rouses Point. This road was operated but a short time. Captain Hawley took command of the steamer Maquam in 1882, operated by the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain road between Maquam and Plattsburg for several years. When the boat was sold to the Champlain Transportation company Captain Hawley delivered the boat at Shelburne harbor and was employed for some time by the new owners.

Later he was employed by Dr. Webb as captain of the yacht Elfrida. His last trip as a captain was when he took the Webb yacht to New York, via the St. Lawrence river. He was a member of Seventy-six lodge, F. & A. M.

Willard Robbins, a driver at the central fire station, is confined to the house on account of an attack of the measles.

## VERMONT WAS URGED TO USE RESOURCES

James P. Taylor, Speaking Before Vincitla Club in Barre, Pointed Out Some Ways for Advancement.

Some of the results which the Greater Vermont association has achieved in its five years of existence and some of the ends which it is seeking to attain were interestingly described at the first of a series of lectures in the Vincitla club last evening when James P. Taylor of Burlington, secretary of the association, spoke before a gathering of nearly 75 men. Sec. Taylor's remarks included a review of association work among the boards of trade and other civic organizations in the state and a forecast of what co-operative effort will accomplish for Vermont in the years to come.

The speaker was introduced by the president of the club, Nelson B. Ballard, and for more than an hour his concise restatement of association purposes held the closest attention of his auditors.

At the outset Mr. Taylor spoke of Barre's greatly improved hotel facilities and had another encomium ready for his hearers when he said that every true Vermonter should seek to visit the highest point in the state, Mount Mansfield, and the lowest depth, the floor of the Barre granite quarries—the heart of Vermont. He urged those of his hearers who are members of the Board of Trade to see to it that photographs of the quarries are placed in every hotel lobby in the state, in order that travelers may not enter or leave its borders without feeling a desire within them to glimpse one of the most inspiring spectacles in the Green mountains.

"Temporary for Vermont development" was the slogan proclaimed by Sec. Taylor in outlining the purposes of the Greater Vermont association. He said that 180,000 Vermonters are living in other states to-day and that in every high school students should be taught to familiarize themselves with Vermont products so that when they come to join the sons and daughters outside, if join they must, they will be able to do their bit in advertising the home state. Turning to the history of the association and its development, he recalled the movements which antedated the organization of the association in 1912 and characterized three attempts to form state boards of trade as something of a good deal like failures. Five years ago, however, the desire among the men of the state for opportunities to serve through co-operation found expression in the formation of, first the Hartford movement, then the Bennington County Improvement association, next the West River Valley association and then the Greater Vermont association. This desire, the speaker went on, was significant of the trend of the times. Now there are more than 40 active boards of trade in Vermont and many of them have been organized since the Greater Vermont association came into existence.

Referring to some of the progressive movements which the association has fostered, the speaker cited the county agent plan and informed his hearers that nine counties have followed the lead of Bennington county in providing for county agricultural bureaus with paid workers. With respect to cow testing associations, he declared that Vermont was a pioneer and now has five times as many associations devoted in that way to furthering dairying interests as any state in the union. He spoke of the food supply problems that are closing in on the centers of population and set it up as an essential duty of boards of trade and chambers of commerce that they co-operate with the farmer in securing better marketing facilities, more scientific methods of grading, etc. The speaker told of the results of the trade in Vermont, of having bankers, business men and manufacturers meet with the road commissioners each spring and quoted ex-Gov. Gates as commending the plan in the highest terms. He spoke of the creditable showing made by the Vermont regiment on the border last summer and mentioned the fact that the soldiers were allowed the use of one of the Greater Vermont exhibition tents at the state fair in the fall, the better to acquaint the people of the state with the functions of the military.

Vermont has been pioneering along the lines of establishing junior high schools, the speaker continued, and at the present time other states, even the Empire state, are turning to the Green mountains for their cue in this important phase of educational work. Sec. Taylor said that his association was behind an effort to have Supt. M. B. Hilliges of the educational department address boards of trade throughout the state and also urged that E. S. Brigham, state commissioner of agriculture, be given every opportunity to acquaint the people with what his department is striving to accomplish. He compared Vermont's apathy with the Oregon product and showed where the Vermont farmer has much to gain by grading his product, showed where boards of trade may assist by emphasizing in various ways the superiority of the Vermont fruit, and declared that the personality of a state is coming to be expressed more and more through the food products.

In closing, Mr. Taylor spoke appreciatively of what the state publicity bureau is doing to advertise Vermont, commended the business men of Barre for their enterprise in staging better acquaintance tours last summer and said he looked for more missionary work along similar lines. "If we play the game together," he concluded by way of emphasizing co-operation as the keynote of his remarks, "we can get anything we want."

### DEATH OF YOUNG GIRL.

Isabella Irene Hale, Aged 7, Had Tuberculosis.

Isabella Irene Hale, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hale of 5 Thurston place, died this forenoon at 9:30 o'clock, the end following a confinement of four weeks. The child had been ill of tuberculosis since Thanksgiving. Besides her parents she is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Nellie Templeton of Williamstown, Miss Agnes Hale, Miss Mabel Hale and Miss Beatrice Hale of Barre and by three brothers, Frank, Edward and Harry Hale. She was born in Barre in 1910 and was seven years old yesterday. Until she became ill she attended the Brook street school.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street.

Burlington High Defeated by St. Albans. St. Albans, Jan. 20.—The St. Albans high school basketball team won from Burlington high last evening in a game played at Eagles' hall by the score of 32 to 30.

Because of the weather extremities, granite manufacturers, with one or two exceptions, shut down their plants last night for the week end. A large number of men remained idle yesterday because of the cold weather.

## ALL HONORS PAID DEWEY

At Services Held in Washington To-day and on Board Ship

### PRIVATE SERVICES FIRST AT HOUSE

Were Followed by a Public Funeral Held in National Capitol

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Admiral Dewey was laid at rest to-day with all honors a grateful nation can bestow. After the funeral services, conducted under the dome of the capitol and attended by President Wilson, his cabinet, the supreme court, the diplomatic corps and a company of notables, the body was taken to Arlington national cemetery to rest with those of the naval heroes gone before.

The private services at his home were attended by the president, Secretary of the Navy Daniels and a limited company. The funeral party then moved to the capitol. All government business was suspended for the day, and all private business in Washington was stopped for an hour. On every American naval ship on the seven seas the ensign fluttered at half-mast and the admiral's salute of nineteen guns was fired.

The entire corps of midshipmen from Annapolis who came not under orders but as Dewey's friends, as he wished escorted the body from the home to the capitol, where Chaplain J. B. Frazier, chaplain of the Olympia at Manila, conducted the services. Following the services Pennsylvania avenue and traveled the route which was the scene of Dewey's victorious homecoming from the battle which opened a new epoch in American history. In the procession was a party of survivors of the battle of Manila bay, who were gathered from far and near to do the last homage to their commander.

### ROAD OUTLAY CRITICIZED.

Some Speakers Thought Vermont Was Not Getting Money's Worth.

Burlington, Jan. 20.—The present system of expending Vermont's highway funds was handled without gloves at a meeting and banquet of good roads enthusiasts from all parts of the state held last evening at the Hotel Vermont, Max La. Powell, proprietor of the hotel, acting as host. About 80 persons who are interested in good roads, many of them representing various Vermont organizations, were present.

In opening the meeting Mr. Powell pointed out that there was about \$715,000 available annually for highway work in the state and he felt certain that it would be generally agreed that the people were not getting the worth of their money. He favored bonding the state for the construction of new roads and for special work such as constructing a road through Smugglers' Notch, Sunderland hollow and at other points where the towns could not bear the expense.

J. B. Wilbur of Manchester, who has given much attention to highway work in Bennington county and throughout the state, was the principal speaker of the evening. He stated that he was astounded after looking into the state highway work and methods to find certain facts and conditions. Since 1906, he said, the sum of \$3,827,000 had been expended by the state for good roads but he was doubtful if anyone could go out and find evidence of it. The state and county commissioners could the state \$32,000 in 1916, a sum which alone should have conducted a thoroughly efficient highway department.

Mr. Wilbur stated that he had drafted a bill based on the Minnesota system for consideration at Montpelier. This would establish three commissioners who would select a state engineer and thus secure efficient service. It would provide for bridge construction only after proper advertising.

The speaker stated that some bridges had cost at least twice what they should have been constructed for. All bridge work, he said, should be done under the supervision of the highway department. He also stated that it was absurd to pay from \$1.13 to \$1.30 a cubic yard for gravel.

The sum of \$325,000 was paid out in one year, he said, under the direction of one man and \$750,000 by towns under the direction of local commissioners, all of whom were accountable to nobody.

Ex-Senator N. A. Divoll of Bellows Falls stated that 75 per cent of the money expended on permanent roads in Vermont was wasted because of poor drainage and that much of the maintenance work went for naught because of the poor material used.

Other speakers were J. W. Dana, Chittenden county farm agent, Prof. J. W. Votey of the college of engineering at the University of Vermont, W. D. Chandler of St. Albans, D. G. Furman of Swanton, Rev. F. W. Day of Swanton, H. A. Puffer of Richmond, Representative W. F. Fenton of Rutland and Allen Martin of Essex.

The general trend of the meeting was a desire to promote co-operation and to obtain a more efficient system of expending the state and town highway funds.

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## BRAVED THE COLD.

Spaulding High School Students Went on Two Class Rides.

The members of two Spaulding high school classes held their annual sleigh rides last evening, the seniors making a trip over the hill to Plainfield, and the members of the sophomore class having Washington as their destination. The parties left Spaulding building for their trips soon after 5 o'clock, making the trips on one of the coldest nights which this winter can boast of thus far. It took all the big barges in the city to convey the 120 students, three going to Plainfield with the members of the senior class and two toward Washington with the lower classesmen.

The members of the senior class arrived at Plainfield soon after 7 o'clock, where they were seated on one of Proprietor Snow's chicken-pie suppers, after which they assembled in Baneroff hall, where they danced to the strains of victrola music. An impromptu program of songs and instrumental music was given by the class. The committee in charge of the ride were the Misses Gladys Dale and Velma Coffin and Messrs. Charles Little and Lee Maiden. The chaperones were members of the high school faculty, Mr. Ryan and the Misses Smith and Crosby and Mrs. Rosecoe.

The members of the sophomore class, who went to Washington, had a rougher road to travel and consequently had more experiences along the way, both barges being tipped over, one on the outward journey and the other while homeward bound; but no serious damages or injuries came as a result from either accident. The teamsters who made the trip also had difficulty in getting places in which to hitch their horses, as the villagers claimed that they did not wish to be aroused from their slumbers to bother with them; but after canvassing the town over, making the rounds twice in some instances, the horses were finally put under cover. The class made use of the Washington school hall, dancing and playing games throughout the evening. The supper was taken by the girls of the class and served by a committee of six, the committee consisting of the Misses Monia O'Hern, Helen O'Keefe and Marjorie Love, and James Young, Harold McKnight and Harold Verner. Members of the high school faculty chaperoned, consisting of Charles Brown and the Misses Carter, Brooks and Taylor.

## STATE NEWSPAPER WORKERS IN BARRE

W. C. Belknap of Bellows Falls Elected President of the Association—Excellent Banquet Was Served Last Evening.

The annual meeting of the Vermont Press association, held at Hotel Barre yesterday afternoon and last evening, was one of the most largely attended of recent years and one of the most profitable and enjoyable as well. The business session was held during the afternoon, and the annual banquet was given in the evening in the main dining-room.

During the business session, a number of matters of particular interest to the newspaper business were discussed, including the greatly increased cost of news print paper, the high cost of materials in general, advisable legislation, advertising rates, editorial ethics and such like.

President Howard L. Hindley of the Rutland Herald presided over the session, at the outset of which W. E. Hubbard of Brattleboro, H. E. Parker of Bradford and Otto Bennett of Manchester were named as a committee on resolutions, and W. C. Belknap of Bellows Falls, F. E. Howe of Bennington and D. M. Tobin of Swanton as committee on nominations. The following new members were voted in: C. DeF. Bancroft of Montpelier and W. H. Holley of Northfield.

After considerable discussion, it was voted to be the consensus of opinion that for political advertising a rate 25 per cent higher than the card rate should be charged. The mounting cost of news print brought out no little trepidation as various publishers reported the price which they had been compelled to pay in order to get their usual supply. No action was taken in order to revise the constitution and by-laws, the motion was carried that a committee be appointed for the work by the president and that the committee report at the next meeting. Among other things done was to condemn the corrupt practices act as now drawn, because it seems to be aimed directly at the freedom of the press, the representatives and senators in Congress from Vermont being asked "to study the provisions of this act immediately and to protest and vote against it."

It was decided that the president, Mr. Belknap, F. T. Parsons of Northfield and F. E. Langley of Barre be a committee on advertising agents and that the committee consider claims for recognition as agents and to report to the members of the association.

The new election of officers resulted as follows:

President—W. C. Belknap of the Bellows Falls Times.

Secretary—Treasurer—Mrs. F. N. Whitney of the Northfield News.

Vice-presidents (one from each county)—W. H. Wheeler of the Vergennes Enterprise, O. R. Bennett of the Manchester Journal, W. H. Jeffery, correspondent of the St. Johnsbury Caledonian, W. A. Myers of the Hays Advertising agency, C. C. Lord of the Essex County Herald, N. E. Leveyer of the St. Albans Messenger, L. H. Lewis of the Morrisville News and Citizen, Miss Sara K. Parker of the Bradford Opinion, W. H. Gilpin of the Orleans County Monitor, H. L. Hindley of the Rutland Herald, F. T. Parsons of the Northfield News, H. C. Rice of the Brattleboro Reformer, and J. W. Sault of the Laddlow Tribune.

The Banquet. At 7:30 o'clock, the members, with a few ladies and invited guests, sat down at a banquet, a table running the full length of the dining-room being just large enough for the banqueters. Grace was said by Rev. A. W. Hewitt, pastor of the Methodist church at Plainfield.

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## TRY TO FORCE COAL DOWN

Interstate Commerce Commission Prescribes Drastring Regulations

### ORDERS RAILROADS TO RELIEVE CARS

And Also to Devise a Means to Relieve Shortage of Other Cars

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Drastring regulations designed to relieve the shortage of coal cars and to help bring about the lowering of present high prices of coal were issued to-day by the interstate commerce commission. The regulations require the return to the original owner of all coal cars as fast as they are loaded and give the railroads ten days to devise methods for relieving the shortage of other types of cars.

The commission's order also requires the railroads to apply the same regulation to refrigerator, heater, ventilated and insulated cars.

### "DOKIES" INITIATED; OFFICERS ELECTED

Four Neophytes Hit the Trail Last Evening and Annual Election of Officers Was Held in Barre.

Dokies from all directions of the wind were in Barre last evening for the annual business meeting and semi-periodic ceremonial of Suadah temple, No. 140, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, which was held in Clan Gordon hall. All told, more than 100 of the faithful sought shelter for the night within the walls of the home temple. Four neophytes, comprising not a large class but one that knows its lesson well to-day, fathomed the mysteries behind the vale of secrecy which cements together in indissoluble ties all true knights of the Sahara. Barre was the mecca for members of the order from St. Johnsbury, Burlington, Orleans, Lyndonville, Bellows Falls, White River Junction and Montpelier.

Betimes the Dokies got themselves down to business and for an hour gave no thought of the ceremonial that was to follow. Officers reporting on the record of 1916 were able to speak glowingly of progress made along a multiplicity of lines. Their reports augured well for another year of extreme business and if anything the activities of the temple will be materially increased in 1917. E. E. Campbell of Waterbury was elected royal vizier for the ensuing term and his associates in the high places of the temple are as follows: Grand emir, J. Gould More of Barre; shah, E. C. French of Montpelier; mahadi, A. B. Shepard of Montpelier; treasurer, James Mackay of Barre; secretary, Frank E. Austin of Barre; shah, Otto Bates of Montpelier; satrap, P. D. Leavitt of Barre. James N. Gall of this city was elected imperial representative with the privilege of representing Suadah temple at the annual meeting of the imperial palace in Chattanooga, Tenn., next August.

The stage was set for business, when the annual meeting adjourned and the work of giving the degree to the candidates was addressed with dispatch. Carroll's orchestra furnished several overtures during the evening and at the last a buffet luncheon was served under the direction of a local committee.

### ENTERTAINED THE GENT